



Department of
Rehabilitation & Correction

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Sheriff Michael Heldman
Hancock County Justice Center
200 W. Crawford Street
Findlay, OH 45840

RE: 2019 Annual Jail Inspection

Dear Sheriff Michael Heldman:

In accordance with Section 5120.10 of the Ohio Revised Code and Executive Order 92-03 of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the Hancock County Justice Center, a full service jail, was inspected on 09/20/2019. The inspection was restricted to assessing compliance with a group of standards, selected from the Standards for Jails in Ohio promulgated by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. The group of standards being inspected focused on Reception & Release, Classification, Security, Housing, Sanitation and Environmental Conditions, Communication, Visitation, Medical and Mental Health Services, Food Service, Recreation and Programming, Inmate Discipline, Administrative Segregation, Grievance, Staffing, and Staff Training. The inspection consisted of this Inspector receiving and/or reviewing requested documentation and/or materials, touring selected areas of the jail, and having discussions with various jail staff.

The total actual general housing capacity for the Hancock County Justice Center is 98. On the date of the jail inspection, there were 98 inmates incarcerated in the Hancock County Justice Center. The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction recommended housing capacity for the jail is 98, which is based upon total available living space and other requirements. Officials should maintain prisoner counts within the Department's recommended capacity figure.

The Hancock County Justice Center (Full Service Jail) is in compliance with 115 standards, 53 "Essential", and 62 "Important".

5120:1-8-01 (A)(1); -01 (A)(3); -01 (A)(4); -01 (A)(7); -01 (A)(9); -01 (A)(12); -02 (B)(1); -02 (B)(2); -02 (B)(4); -02 (D); -03 (A)(1); -03 (A)(3); -03 (A)(4); -03 (A)(5); -03 (A)(6); -03 (A)(7); -03 (B)(2); -03 (B)(4); -03 (B)(5); -03 (B)(6); -03 (B)(7); -03 (B)(8); -03 (B)(9); -03 (B)(10)(a); -03 (B)(10)(b); -03 (B)(10)(c); -03 (B)(10)(d); -03 (B)(11)(b); -03 (B)(11)(c); -03 (B)(12); -03 (B)(15); -03 (B)(16); -03 (B)(17); -04 (A)(4); -04 (B); -04 (C); -04 (D); -04 (E); -04 (F); -04 (G); -04 (H); -04 (J); -04 (K); -05 (A); -05 (B); -05 (C); -05 (E); -05 (G)(1); -05 (G)(2); -05 (H)(3); -05 (I); -05 (J); -05 (K); -05 (L); -05 (M); -05 (N); -05 (O); -05 (P); -05 (Q); -06 (B); -06 (C); -06 (G); -07 (A); -07 (D); -07 (E); -07 (H); -07 (I); -09 (A); -09 (B); -09 (C); -09 (D); -09 (E); -09 (F); -09 (G); -09 (H); -09 (J); -09 (K); -09 (M); -09 (N); -09 (P); -09 (Q); -09 (R); -09 (U); -09 (V); -09 (W); -09 (X); -10 (A); -10 (B); -10 (C); -10 (D); -10 (E); -10 (F); -10 (G)(1); -10 (G)(2); -11 (A); -11 (B); -11 (E); -12 (B); -12 (C); -12 (F); -12 (G); -12 (H); -15 (B); -15 (D); -15 (E); -16 (A); -17 (D); -17 (E); -17 (F); -17 (G); -18 (A); -18 (B); -18 (C); -18 (D); -18 (E);

The Hancock County Justice Center did not comply with 0 standards, 0 "Essential", and 0 "Important". This letter is intended to serve as a basis for developing plans of action for bringing the facility into compliance with the deficiencies noted during the inspection.

The Hancock County Justice Center was found to be in compliance with the onsite jail inspection for the 2019 calendar year. Your continuing effort to maintain compliance with the Minimum Standards for Jails in Ohio is to be commended. Thank you for your cooperation in the 2019 annual inspection process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Kennedy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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